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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS COVERED DURING
NOVEMBER 5 CALL ON EUR/EE OFFICE DIRECTOR BAKER BY ROMANIAN
EMBASSY DCM IONITA.

2. IONITA REQUESTED CALL TO PRESENT SUGGESTIONS FOR
SCHEDULE OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S COMING VISIT TO THE U.S.
AND TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ECONOMIC MATTERS INCLUDING POSSI-
BILITY OF SIGNING LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AGREEMENT DURING VISIT.

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3. IONITA STRESSED GOR'S DESIRE TO SIGN AN ECONOMIC AGREE-

MENT THAT WOULD SERVE TO ENCOURAGE TRADE, JOINT VENTURES AND OUR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS IN GENERAL. HE CONSIDERED THAT SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD ALSO REFLECT THE GOOD OVERALL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

4. AFTER SAYING THIS, IONITA PRESENTED COPY OF AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION THAT GOR SIGNED WITH FRG DURING CEAUSESCU'S JUNE VISIT TO GERMANY. HE SAID THAT THIS AGREEMENT MIGHT SERVE AS GUIDELINE FOR TYPE OF AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED WITH U.S. (COPY OF

FRG-GDR AGREEMENT POUCHED SEPARATELY.)

5. IN RESPONSE BAKER SAID WE WOULD LOOK OVER FORMAT OF FRG-GDR AGREEMENT AND GIVE OUR RESPONSE ASAP. HE NOTED AS PERSONAL VIEW THAT AN AGREEMENT ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES COULD SERVE USEFUL PURPOSES. HOWEVER, TO HAVE REAL SIGNIFICANCE AND UTILITY IT MIGHT HAVE TO COVER SUCH ISSUES AS PROCEDURES WHEREBY COMPANIES OF ONE COUNTRY COULD ESTABLISH REPRESENTATION IN OTHER COUNTRY AND REGULATE OTHER MATTERS THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE JOINT VENTURES AND OTHER FORMS OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. SUCH ISSUES WERE NOT ALWAYS EASY TO NEGOTIATE AND WE COULD NOT BE CERTAIN THAT A SERIOUS AGREEMENT IN THIS AREA COULD BE COMPLETED IN LESS THAN A MONTH.

6. BAKER REFERRED TO GOR'S DESIRE TO SIGN A CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AIR SERVICE BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE U.S. (SEE REFTEL B.) HE NOTED THAT WE POINTED OUT TO ROMANIAN DELEGATION THAT AN AGREEMENT MIGHT POSSIBLY BE SIGNED SOMETIME THIS WINTER WITH COMMENT THAT IF BOTH SIDES ACTED QUICKLY THERE MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE CHANCE TO SIGN AGREEMENT DURING CEAUSESCU'S VISIT. IONITA SAID HE WOULD INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT OF OUR POSITION.

7. IONITA ALSO BROUGHT UP POSSIBILITY OF SIGNING A FISHERIES AGREEMENT DURING CEAUSESCU'S VISIT (REFTEL C).

8. ALSO DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WAS POSSIBILITY OF SIGNING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAX TREATY AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND ROMANIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE DURING CEAUSESCU'S VISIT. BAKER AND IONITA AGREED THAT SIGNATURE OF THESE AND OTHER AGREEMENTS DURING VISIT WOULD SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE AND BOTH SIDES SHOULD ASSIST IN MAKING SUCH SIGNATURE POSSIBLE.

9. IONITA SAID EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED REPORTS THAT IRINA AGASANU, A ROMANIAN CITIZEN WHO LIVES IN WEST GERMANY,

WAS INTERESTED IN COMING TO U.S. TO MAKE TROUBLE DURING
CEAUSESCU VISIT. AFTER NOTING THAT SHE WENT ON HUNGER
STRIKE AND MADE PRESS STATEMENTS AGAINST ROMANIA, DURING
CEAUSESCU'S VISIT TO BONN, HE SAID HE HOPED WE WOULD
REFUSE TO ISSUE HER A VISA IF SHE REQUESTED ONE. BAKER
SAID WE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER. RUSH

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